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For: SLIDING MATERIAL	)	March 22, 2004
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**REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Customer Window, Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
2011 South Clark Place  
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed December 23,  
2003, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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